

# Kempsey High School

## Works notification | 7 August 2025

Dear staff, parents, carers and neighbours,

After the high winds and heavy rainfall on the weekend 3–4 August 2025, Building A was damaged at Kempsey High School.

The school was closed 4-6 August while we disconnected the power and assessed the damage, comprising:

- A section of the roof above the English rooms in the building was blown off by strong winds and rain has flooded some of the English rooms, both staffrooms and the stairwell.
- The powerline supplying the agriculture plot was also damaged.
- Debris such as tree branches and guttering were scattered across the school grounds.

Immediate actions we are taking include:

- securing the exposed roof on Building A with tarpaulins
- isolating the damaged rooms of that building and installing temporary fencing around affected areas
- restoring power to unaffected rooms and areas
- clearing debris from the school grounds
- cleaning
- bringing in 3 demountables to use as temporary classrooms and staffrooms, so teaching and learning can continue.

**The school reopens today, Thursday 7 August 2025.** The ground floor of Building A and agriculture plot have reopened, with some top floor rooms affected by the damaged roof remaining closed until repairs are finished.

As a precaution, an independent hygienist was engaged to collect fragments of the exposed roof for testing and provide advice. Testing confirmed that the fragments did not contain any hazardous material and we have not found any asbestos-containing material disturbed at this stage.

While parts of Building A remain closed and before demountables arrive, please follow any instructions from school staff about alternative learning spaces.

The health, safety and wellbeing of all members of our school and the local community are our highest priorities. We will keep the community updated.

We appreciate the patience of our community during this disruption and look forward to resuming teaching and learning at Kempsey High School.

Thank you for your cooperation during this important work.



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